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SUBJECT: SENATOR STOBBE CLAIMS BRITISH AND FRENCH
SUPPORT FOR SENAT IN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTROVERSY

1. DPA NOVEMBER 19 REPORTED THAT SENATOR FOR FEDERAL
AFFAIRS STOBBE UPON HIS RETURN FROM VISITS TO LONDON
AND PARIS, WHERE HE TALKED WITH STATE SECRETARY ROYLE
AND STATE SECRETARY LIPKOWSKY, TOLD PRESS THAT SENAT
COULD COUNT ON UNDERSTANDING AND HELP FROM BRITISH
AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN ITS EFFORTS TO PERSUADE
GDR TO RESCIND DOUBLING OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR VISITORS. STOBBE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
BRITISH AND FRENCH AGREED GDR ACTION WAS, "IN ITS OVER-
ALL TENDENCY (GESAMTE TENDENZ), DIRECTED AGAINST VISIT
ARRANGEMENT." STOBBE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT HE WAS
CONVINCED AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD ALSO TAKE THIS
POSITION.

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2. COMMENT: WE WONDER HOW ACCURATELY DPA ACCOUNT

REFLECTS BRITISH AND FRENCH VIEWS EXPRESSED TO STOBBE,
INASMUCH AS THERE HAS BEEN NO INCLINATION BY EITHER
ALLY LOCALLY TO INTERVENE DIRECTLY IN DISPUTE. DPA
RELEASE HAS VIRTUE OF PROVIDING NATURAL BASIS FOR
STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF RELEVANT PART OF STATE 227230;
WE HAVE ALREADY HAD TWO INQUIRIES ON US ATTITUDE AND
EXPECT OTHERS. IN RESPONSE, SPOKESMAN IS ACCORDINGLY
USING THAT PORTION OF STATE 227230 WHICH ADDRESSES
MONEY-EXCHANGE ISSUE (BUT OMITTING COMMENT ON
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY).KLEIN

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